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Fire destroyed several homes under construction in the Shirleygate Estates subdivision in the Fair Oaks area on March 14, 2003. Firefighter Jorge E. Loayza, Fire and Rescue Station 21, B-Shift, operates the deck gun aggressively attacking the fire.



Michael P. Neuhard

"My role as the Fire Chief will be to maintain the Department's momentum by keeping our existing programs and policies in tact and continuing to move forward."

From The Fire Chief . . .

As you can imagine, these last 30 days have been very busy and demanding. Following Chief Stinnette's retirement I was able to schedule teleconferences with each shift to reaffirm to each of you my commitment to "stay the course" and to keep our organization stable during the interim period. My new role as the Fire Chief will be to maintain the Department's momentum by keeping our existing programs and policies in tact and continuing to move forward. It is critical that together we maintain a stable workforce and that our focus on quality services doesn't diminish. I know you recall that some of the major components of Chief Stinnette's tenure were not only his extraordinary leadership ability and his innate ability to strike a balance between achieving our Department's current and future needs, but he had a keen ability to keep our Department focused. His vision for the fire services in general, and our Department in particular, was masterful and it is up to each of us to maintain his vision and focus our efforts and all our resources on maintaining our stability.

One of my major concerns is to maintain the emphasis we have placed on our health and safety initiatives. There are a number of contracts that shall have to be

negotiated internally, and we are in the midst of a reorganization that includes the Occupational Health and Safety Division. It's important, not only from an organizational perspective, but also from an individual perspective, to continually focus on improving the quality of our health and safety services. This goal is a high priority for me as it is vital for each of you. As you know, during your daily activities around your stations as well as on every incident to which you respond, you become the key to ensuring workplace safety. Not just in what you do, but in the manner in how you do it. Staying aware of your surroundings and keeping a watchful eye out for potential risks will go a long way in ensuring accidents don't happen. With your help, I will keep our efforts focused on this critical element of our profession. ♦

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From The Editor . . .



Change is often accompanied by innovation. With innovation included as one of our core values, it's clear we recognize and understand that change is constant and impacts the way we do business. We as a Department have agreed to commit to seek out and implement innovative thinking that addresses change effectively, ultimately benefiting those we serve.

Innovative thinking is taking an innovative approach to problem solving. It includes the ability to "think outside the box," to go beyond the ordinary, and possess the attitude to try different solutions. At a higher level, it's the ability to champion innovation and encourage new ideas from everyone within the organization.

This means . . .

- Acknowledging the ideas of others and incorporating them into performance improvements
- Developing and weighing alternatives to conventional thinking before setting on a solution
- Constructively challenging existing processes and procedures on the job and developing original approaches to improve or replace them
- Taking a calculated risk to improve performance by introducing something new and unique to the public
- Showing foresight, encouraging new ideas, and helping others to see new possibilities

This doesn't mean . . .

- Being over committed to conventional methodology
- Going with what has worked in the past without questioning if that approach still makes sense
- Criticizing existing processes or procedures without offering alternative solutions
- Introducing something new and unique without thinking through the implications and assessing the risk
- Leaving the job of fostering a creative working environment to chance

As we continue to fine tune our strategic plan for the present and into the future, it's important that innovation is incorporated in the way we operate and commit our resources. The expectation is that we will be asked to do more, be better trained, and be even more involved with the community we serve.

The challenges and opportunities are boundless and it's everyone's responsibility to provide input and to help us become the best "community focused fire and rescue department" in the country. ♦

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Editor's Note: Special effort was taken to ensure the above information is correct and accurate. However, despite those efforts of double and triple checking we may have inadvertently omitted someone. Please let us know if that is the case.



2002 Valor Award Recipients

Silver Medal of Valor



Lieutenant Wayne B. Stottlemeyer
Fire and Rescue Station 26, B-Shift

On Saturday, July 20, 2002, Lieutenant Wayne Stottlemeyer was attending a picnic with family, friends, and neighbors. While the group was in the backyard playing volleyball and enjoying a summer afternoon, they heard a tremendous crash. One of the guests came screaming around the house indicating there had been an auto accident just down the street and there appeared to be several persons injured. Lieutenant Stottlemeyer and other picnic guests ran to the scene to assess the situation. They arrived to find a Toyota sport utility vehicle on its top, and several persons attempting to exit through the windows. Approaching the upside-down vehicle, he met two adults that were able to extricate themselves. Seeing Lieutenant Stottlemeyer, they shouted "our baby is stuck."

Looking into the unstable vehicle, he found that there was a child, six-year-old Carla, still trapped in the vehicle. Without the protection of turnout gear, personal protection equipment or medical equipment, Lieutenant Stottlemeyer gained access to the interior of the vehicle to assist. He quickly determined that the young girl's right leg had gone through the vehicle's moon roof as it had rolled over. She was now pinned between the

ground and the roof of the car.

As the vehicle lay on its roof, it developed a gasoline leak from the engine compartment. This added hazard placed the young girl and Lieutenant Stottlemeyer in an extremely dangerous situation. Knowing they were in a rural area of Pennsylvania, it was difficult to determine the response time for the local emergency service providers. Lieutenant Stottlemeyer made the decision to attempt to lift the vehicle using family, friends, and passersby. He remained in the vehicle, calming the frightened girl as he gave directions to the bystanders to roll the vehicle slightly, hoping it would allow him to free her leg from its entrapment.

As the car was being moved, the roof support posts collapsed, placing partial weight of the vehicle on Lieutenant Stottlemeyer. He immediately directed bystanders to stop moving the vehicle as this was making the situation worse. Lieutenant Stottlemeyer ultimately decided to remain in the vehicle with the young girl, reassuring and assessing her condition, until rescue personnel arrived with the proper equipment.

Local emergency service personnel finally arrived on the scene and Lieutenant Stottlemeyer briefed them on the situation. He recommended the vehicle be stabilized with cribbing, and then carefully lifted with airbags to free the girl's leg. These actions were taken and Lieutenant Stottlemeyer, with the assistance of the local rescuers, was able to extricate the young girl without further incident. She was turned over to the local EMS personnel for treatment and transportation to a local hospital.

For the entire period he was in the car, Lieutenant Stottlemeyer did not have the protection of turnout clothing, a fire extinguisher, or fire hose until the arrival of the local emergency personnel.

Fully realizing the potential danger around him (leaking gasoline from the engine compartment), Lieutenant Stottlemeyer chose to remain in the vehicle and be with the young girl for the duration of this frightening event, calming and reassuring her that everything would be okay.



Technician Ronald S. Pifer
Fire and Rescue Station 25, A-Shift

On July 8, 2002, while off-duty and riding his motorcycle in the Winchester area, Technician Pifer came across a horrific crash site on Route 7 and Greenwood Road.

This account of his actions are based on a statement from Volunteer Scott Miller of the Millwood Fire Station, an article from *The Winchester Star*, and a conversation and written statement provided by Technician Pifer himself.

As Technician Pifer approached the scene of the crash, dust and debris from the incident had not yet settled. Arriving at the accident site, he immediately realized the incident was serious in nature. A tractor trailer had rear-ended a mini-van. (He originally thought the passenger vehicle was a pick-up truck since the tractor-trailer was on top of the entire rear portion of the mini-van.) As another motorist arrived on the scene, Technician Pifer retrieved a tool from the trunk of the motorist's vehicle and gained access to the mini-van. He originally tried to reach the victims through the front windshield without success. Undeterred, he then broke out a side window, which gave him better access to more victims.

The mini-van was so mangled that all five victims occupied the space at the front seat area of the vehicle. Technician Pifer entered the vehicle through broken glass and determined that there were a total of five victims. As he performed a quick assessment of each, he found that two of the victims were not breathing. He quickly repositioned their airways, allowing the victims to resume breathing on their own. He continued treating, reassuring, and gathering mental notes on all of the victims, remaining in the vehicle until the arrival of local fire and

emergency medical crews.

As fire and medical crews arrived, Technician Pifer relayed critical patient information. He stayed on the scene for nearly two hours, continuing patient care, and assisting crews in other aspects such as rescue tool operations and patient extrication. Ultimately, four of the five victims survived this accident.

Technician Pifer, without regard to his own personal safety, and without protective fire gear and medical equipment, placed himself in grave danger to help those who could not help themselves. He entered a hazardous and unstable crash scene, surrounded by highly flammable fuel leaking from both the tractor-trailer and the mini-van. He rendered life-saving care to bleeding, critically injured people.

Bronze Medal of Valor



Master Technician John C. Mayers
Fire and Rescue Station 21, C-Shift

In the early morning of August 25, 2002, a 9-1-1 call for assistance was placed for an adult male who was having a possible seizure. Fair Oaks Engine 421 and Medic 421 were subsequently dispatched. While responding, units were advised that after ingesting an unknown amount of alcohol and prescription medicine, the patient was displaying seizure type activity.

Engine and Medic 421 arrived on the scene to find an obviously distraught female who confirmed that the patient had ingested a significant quantity of medicine accompanied by alcohol. She stated that the patient had locked her out of the home and was displaying abusive

behavior and had made threats toward her.

While waiting for police assistance, fire and rescue personnel were gathered in front of the home, obtaining additional information from the woman. They were suddenly startled by loud noises originating from the third floor window. A male subject appeared at the window. He was mumbling incoherently and proceeded to remove the screen.

At this time, a request was made for the patient to come down and open the front door. To everyone's horror, the male subject proceeded to dive head-first from the third floor window to the ground. This was a distance of more than 20 feet.

Instinctively, Technician Mayers, without regard for his own safety, placed his body in position to shield the female standing directly below this window. His swift, decisive action prevented the male subject from landing directly on her. Technician Mayers suffered a glancing blow as he deflected the falling person.

Through his quick actions, Technician Mayers prevented certain serious injury to the woman and possibly saved the life of the distraught man.

Certificate of Valor



Michael A. Andreano
Senior Building Inspector
Fire Protection Systems

On Thursday, July 25, 2002, at approximately 4 p.m., Inspector Andreano stopped by Fire Station 39 on his way home to clean his county vehicle. While at the station talking with Firefighter Matt Barnhart, both men suddenly

heard the sound of a nearby vehicle crash.

Firefighter Barnhart immediately ran into the station to alert other crew members. Inspector Andreano hurried from the station parking lot to the crash scene, where he observed two damaged vehicles in the intersection of Leesburg Pike and Reston Avenue. Upon his arrival, passing motorists had removed one female occupant from a severely damaged vehicle. Inspector Andreano ensured scene safety and quickly ascertained that there were only two people involved in the crash, with one driver apparently uninjured. He then turned his attention to the female occupant. His assessment of this victim revealed that she was unconscious, unresponsive, and was not breathing.

With the knowledge that trained and equipped paramedics were only seconds away, Inspector Andreano, realizing the immediate life-threatening severity of the injuries, including potential spine injury and cardiac arrest, opened the patient's airway and began mouth-to-mouth rescue breathing without the aid of a pocket mask. After his third attempt, the patient began breathing on her own. Remaining with the still-unconscious patient as paramedics were arriving; he witnessed a second episode of respiratory arrest. Inspector Andreano repeated rescue breathing, this time with the aid of a pocket mask supplied by Firefighter Barnhart. The patient regained spontaneous breathing as paramedics from Fire Station 39 arrived and took over her care.

Inspector Andreano went above and beyond the call of duty to render medical aid to this citizen. Initiating care to a bleeding, critically injured person, without regard for his personal safety and without medical or personal protective equipment, Inspector Andreano likely saved this woman's life. He is a great example of the dedication and commitment found throughout the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.



Firefighter James M. Furman
Fire and Rescue Station 10, A-Shift

On Sunday, May 19, 2002, Firefighter James Furman was traveling home from work when he came upon a multi-vehicle crash on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. He immediately stopped to assist. While quickly assessing damage to the vehicles and a number of people injured, he simultaneously called 9-1-1 for assistance. Firefighter Furman noted multiple patients with injuries and began directing bystanders to assist with patient care.

Realizing the incident was on a heavily traveled, dangerous bridge, he directed bystanders and ambulatory patients to a safe area for their protection. After ensuring the scene was safe, Firefighter Furman turned his attention to an entrapped victim in one of the cars. Gaining access without the use of tools or safety equipment, he rendered care to this conscious, bleeding person until arrival of fire and rescue units.

The quick and professional actions of Firefighter Furman played an essential role in the positive outcome to many of the injured at this incident. He placed the safety of the occupants and passersby at the scene above his own. He carried out his duties in an outstanding and heroic manner.

Lifesaving Award



Technician James H. Williams
Fire and Rescue Station 10, C-Shift

On the morning of January 8, 2002, units from Fire and Rescue Station 10 were operating at a working fire on the 8th floor of a 26-story residential apartment building. While the performance of all personnel was exemplary, the performance of Technician James Williams deserves special recognition.

Technician Williams, while acting as the paramedic on Engine 410, was assisting in the primary search for trapped occupants. After crews entered the area of the fire and extinguished it, they quickly located a victim. Technician Williams was assigned the responsibility of removing the unconscious and unresponsive male occupant from the apartment. After single-handedly removing the victim from the apartment, Technician Williams enlisted the help of a firefighter from Arlington County to transport the victim out of the structure.

Circumstances prevented them from using an elevator for this task so they determined that they would have to carry the victim down to the lobby, using the stairwell. Knowing that time was critical for patient survival, they acted without hesitation. Summoning great physical strength, Technician Williams, dressed in his turn-out gear and breathing apparatus, began the eight-floor decent. After reaching the lobby, Technician Williams assisted the EMS personnel with preliminary patient care. Undaunted, he returned to complete operations on the fire floor.

The actions that Technician Williams displayed at this incident are a testament to his dedication, commitment, and exceptional physical effort that he demonstrates on a daily basis.



Lieutenant Joseph Palau
Fire and Rescue Station 17, C-Shift

On Thursday, May 2, 2002, just after 8:30 a.m., Lieutenant Jay Palau was on his front porch assisting his nine year old daughter with her backpack getting her ready to leave for school when he heard loud noises and screaming.

Lt. Palau's next door neighbor, who knew he was a paramedic with the Fire and Rescue Department, called to him for help, yelling that there had been a child struck by a car. Lieutenant Palau immediately instructed his daughter to go back inside their house and call 9-1-1. He then ran to the location near the front of his house and met a mother holding her unconscious and unresponsive child in her arms. Lieutenant Palau gently took the child from her mother and laid her in the grass to assess her condition. He quickly controlled and secured her cervical spine to prevent it from further movement and continued to assess the overall condition of the child.

Lieutenant Palau determined that the child was still breathing and had a pulse. Briefly relieved, he still realized he was dealing with a six year old female with a suspected closed head injury and several possible orthopedic injuries. (Injuries that could easily be life-threatening.)

Noticing a woman on the scene talking by cell phone with the Public Safety Communications Center (911), Lieutenant Palau requested her phone and identified himself to the calltaker. He then gave a full description of the child's apparent injuries and asked them to immediately dispatch the helicopter. While awaiting rescue personnel, Lieutenant Palau, acting alone and without personal protective gear, exhibited unmatched professionalism and kept a growing crowd of frightened adults and children

reassured.

Lieutenant Palau, while continuing to administer care to the child, talked to witnesses while awaiting the arrival of paramedics to obtain important information to help with her care. Upon the arrival of the medic personnel, Lieutenant Palau gave a clear, concise, and accurate patient report. He continued assisting with the treatment of the little girl, including accompanying her on the short ride to the landing zone for transfer to the helicopter crew.

Lieutenant Palau's immediate reaction, and subsequent actions taken on the scene, greatly assisted the fire and rescue crews in their mitigation of this serious incident. He most certainly assisted in creating a more positive outcome for the young patient.

Editor's Note: Lieutenant Palau's daughter was awarded a Citizen Life-Saving award by the Fire and Rescue Department.



Firefighter Juan C. Ayala
Fire and Rescue Station 8, A-Shift

On December 20, 2001, Firefighter Juan Ayala was attending a holiday dinner function at Marymount University with about 150 other guests. During the meal, unbeknownst to Firefighter Ayala, an elderly woman began choking. The woman became cyanotic and it was apparent that her husband's efforts to help were not working. Her level of consciousness was dropping and her husband was having difficulty even holding her up.

Firefighter Ayala noticed the growing crowd of onlookers, and as soon as he realized what was

happening, approached and identified himself as a Fairfax County firefighter and EMT. He assumed control of the situation and took over patient care. Swiftly delivering three abdominal thrusts, he cleared the woman's airway of a large piece of meat. Her condition improved immediately. After a few short moments, she had recovered enough to thank Firefighter Ayala for his actions. He remained with the victim, assessing her improving condition and reassuring her constantly.

With no subsequent problems being found, the woman refused medical transport and stayed to enjoy the rest of the event.

Aside from the truly lifesaving actions Firefighter Ayala took, which alone deserves commendation, he demonstrated initiative and calm control while performing them. This degree of professionalism is especially noteworthy given the fact that Firefighter Ayala has less than two years on the job.



Captain I John E. Hart
Public Safety Communications Center

On Saturday, April 6, 2002, at exactly 2149 hours, Assistant Supervisor Tammy L. Read noticed the security guard, Mr. Tsegaye Habtehyimer, at the front desk laying face down on the console. Supervisor Read noted that his eyes were open; however, they were rolled back in his head. She performed a quick assessment by first shaking his shoulders. After she got no response, she attempted to place him in an upright position. She then checked for a pulse and open airway. She found that he was breathing on his own. Assistant Supervisor Read

directed PSCIII Judith C. Lassiter, who was nearby, to get rescue started and notify Shift Supervisor Roy B. Shrout, III. As this was taking place, Supervisor Read notified Captain John Hart, who was the on-site uniformed fire officer, about the emergency.

Shift Supervisor Shrout responded to the front desk and found the security guard unconscious but breathing. A quick assessment was performed on Mr. Habtehyimer, but it appeared that he was in a postictal state. A minute later Mr. Habtehyimer awoke, and Supervisor Shrout began questioning him in an attempt to determine what happened. The only audible response was slurred and then Mr. Habtehyimer lost consciousness once again. Supervisor Shrout secured the guard's weapon as additional personnel arrived to assist.

PSCIII Susan C. Farria and Captain John Hart arrived and began administering first aid. PSCIII Farria was able to awaken Mr. Habtehyimer; however, he was incoherent and unresponsive.

Captain John Hart brought the on-site medical kit and began ALS protocols. PSCIII Alicia D. Dale responded and assisted Captain Hart.

Baseline vitals and an initial assessment were taken prior to the arrival of Engine 423. Oxygen was administered by nasal cannula because Mr. Habtehyimer had vomited. He was also found incontinent.

Engine 423 arrived on the scene a short time later with additional ALS equipment to further evaluate the patient. Captain Hart and PSCIII Dale assisted the Engine Company and the arriving medic unit with the rest of the assessment. Mr. Habtehyimer was readied for transport and taken to Fairfax Hospital.

Mr. Habtehyimer never fully regained consciousness after Assistant Supervisor Read had found him. He also suffered several seizures during the time he was being evaluated and remained in a postictal state.

During a follow-up with medical personnel at Fairfax Hospital, we found that Mr. Habtehyimer had several polyps that were bleeding internally. During his stay in the hospital, Mr. Habtehyimer

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Hot Shots



A single-family home located at 1308 Dulles Place in the Herndon area suffered damage to the first and second-floors, and attic area. The occupants were not home at the time of the fire. Damages were estimated at \$175,000 and the cause of the fire is under investigation.



Double medivac... Two patients involved in a two-vehicle crash, Hooes Road and Furnace Road were extricated by Rescue 419 personnel. Both patients were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital, one patient was medivaced by Fairfax 1, the second patient was transported by Ambulance 414. Photo by Captain II Glenn A. Bydume.



Recruit Firefighters Jeanette Hannibal and Ferris A. Hayward, 107th Recruit School, extinguish a car fire during training evolutions at the Fire and Rescue Academy. Photo by Josh Allen, Academy.



Battalion Chief Leonard Murry, center, Master Technician Mervin E. Barrera, left, brief Fire Investigator Terry Hall, right, at the construction fire at Shirleygate Estates. Two homes under construction were fully destroyed and two other homes sustained heat damage. Damage was estimated at over \$400,000.



Trench collapse . . . Two workers were trapped while waterproofing a basement at 7329 Westerly Lane in the McLean area. One worker was freed shortly after firefighters arrived on the scene. The second worker was buried up to his chest and was freed within one hour and twenty minutes. The second patient was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital for observation.



Two firefighters received minor injuries at a one-story house fire located at 1702 Baldwin Drive in McLean. The blaze was the second major fire in the McLean area within hours. Firefighters brought the fire under control within 30 minutes.

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was given five liters of blood. Had he not been located and immediate action taken, Mr. Habtehyimer would have died from internal bleeding.



Technician Bryan J. Nix
Fire and Rescue Station 37, B-Shift

On the evening of November 17, 2001, Technician Bryan Nix was in his backyard building a deck with his brother-in-law and father-in-law. At approximately 5 p.m., his wife Cori was talking on the telephone with a friend and stepped out onto the deck. While she was standing on the deck looking towards the rear of the neighbor's house, she witnessed the next door neighbor's two-year-old son fall out of a third story window to the ground below. She yelled to Technician Nix and pointed to the neighbor's back yard. When Technician Nix looked over, he saw what looked like some clothes on the ground but quickly realized that it was a child. Noticing a window screen on the ground, he looked back at his wife, who stated she saw the child fall from the window.

He asked her to call 9-1-1 as he ran out the front door. When he got to the neighbor's back yard he found the child lying on his back, motionless, with his head turned to one side. He called to the child and touched him, but there was no response. Technician Nix immediately checked for breathing and found none. By this time, his wife arrived with the portable phone and was talking with 9-1-1. She relayed information from her husband to the dispatcher so appropriate emergency units could be dispatched.

Recognizing the high probability that significant injuries to the head and neck may be present, Technician Nix carefully positioned the child to open his airway. At this point, the child suddenly presented with gurgling respirations and seizure activity. He asked his wife to get a pocket mask from one of their cars in case it was needed. With Bryan maintaining proper head and neck positioning, the child's breathing was getting progressively better and he began to cry. By this time, the child's father had arrived as well as other family members and friends.

Needing to check for further injuries, Technician Nix instructed his brother-in-law how to maintain proper positioning of the child. Using first-aid equipment that his wife had retrieved from the car, Technician Nix did a complete assessment and found only a small abrasion on the lip and a red mark on the front of the neck. At this point, Stafford County emergency units began to arrive on the scene.

The first arriving Stafford personnel were firefighters. Technician Nix identified himself as a paramedic. He retained care of the child while firefighters retrieved necessary equipment to immobilize the child. When paramedics arrived, a helicopter was dispatched at Technician Nix's request.

As the ambulance was driving to the helicopter landing zone, Technician Nix rode along and continued assisting with patient care. His complete and concise account of the incident was a valuable asset to the flight paramedics.

Once the helicopter lifted off, Technician Nix and the child's father, who was also in the medic unit, were driven back home by a Stafford fire crew. When they returned home, Technician Nix ensured that the father had someone else drive him to Fairfax Hospital.

The child's family called later that evening, stating that the child was doing well, but would spend a day or so in intensive care before he could return home. The child has since returned home and is doing well.



Technician Gregory W. Hunter
Fire and Rescue Station 30, B-Shift

On the morning of June 21, 2002, Technician Gregory Hunter and Technician David Gilmore provided care and treatment to victims of a serious, multi-vehicle crash on Interstate 95 in Stafford, Virginia.

Arriving first, Technician Hunter, off-duty and on his way home, observed several state and local law enforcement officers pulled to the left side of the interstate. Upon stopping he noted a damaged car on the left shoulder and police using fire extinguishers in an attempt to put out a fire in the engine compartment. Hurrying to the scene, he assisted one occupant from the damaged, burning vehicle and began treatment on this victim, as well as a second person that had already escaped the vehicle. Moving both patients up an embankment and away from the hazard, he methodically assessed for injuries and remained with them until emergency crews arrived. Once the ambulances arrived, he continued assisting with the care and treatment until they were transported to a medical facility. During the time that Technician Hunter was assisting, Technician Gilmore, also off-duty and on his way home, stopped at the incident to offer assistance.

Shortly thereafter, they were advised that a second vehicle was involved in the crash. Technician Gilmore, with full knowledge of the inherent dangers, made his way across three lanes of busy Interstate 95 to assess the situation. He met two occupants coming up a long and steep embankment (300-500 feet). Noting that they appeared upset, but safe for the moment, he proceeded to the vehicle to ensure no additional victims were present. Realizing the extent of damage to the vehicle, and finding no additional



Technician David M. Gilmore
Fire and Rescue Station 10, B-Shift

injured people, he climbed the long and steep hill to the victims to assess them for injuries.

On opposite sides of this high-speed, heavily traveled thoroughfare, Technician Hunter and Technician Gilmore used their training to immobilize these trauma victims, continually assessed their condition, and secured them in a safe area until arrival of emergency personnel. Both men acted to quickly access a hazardous situation, without protective gear and equipment, and committed themselves to aiding the victims of this serious event.

Captain Rosenberg

Fire and Rescue Station 38

Dear Captain Rosenberg,

Last Friday I had to call for non-emergency help. I have multiple sclerosis and can no longer get up if I should fall.

Your team of Sean, Marshall, and Ray responded. They were calm, courteous, caring, gentle, and professional. By getting me up, they made my day.

Your men are an honor to their profession and you should be very proud of them.

Sincerely,

Paula Doyle

Awards; A Morale Builder

By Lieutenant Gary C. Dize
Awards Chairperson

I would like to congratulate all of our members who have been issued awards by the Fire and Rescue Department, the Chamber's Valor Awards program and other organizations during 2002. The awards committee is an important part of our Department and meets monthly to process nominations that recognize our members who distinguish themselves in the performance of their duties and who contribute significantly to the achievement of the Department's goals.

The committee consists of nine members and are appointed by the Fire Chief. S.O.P. 02.08.01 outlines the type of awards that are available and the criteria for each award. The dates and times have been placed on the master calendar via the intranet. The committee reviews each nomination and issues the appropriate award based on the guidelines of the S.O.P. Nominations of Valor Awards and Safe Driving will come from an individual's immediate supervisor or chief officer. Nominations for Firefighter of the Year, Career Achievement, Meritorious Service, Team Performance, and Unit Citations can be nominated by any member using form FRD160 and following the submission guidelines in the S.O.P.

We are committed to looking at new ways to recognize our members, both within and outside the county. Currently, we have several projects that we hope will improve the awards process. Last year we developed a dialog with several organizations, such as *Firehouse Magazine*, local civic groups, federal and state agencies, and have been submitting awards as appropriate. I am still looking for more groups; if you know of any please let me know.

Valor award plaques were designed and placed at the Academy in the break area and will be updated annually. A special pin was developed for our highest award, Firefighter of the Year, and

will be issued to all past and future recipients.

Last year we identified several nominations that the committee felt should be submitted for County awards. These awards included: Onthank Award, Outstanding Performance Award, and Managerial Excellence Award, and I am pleased to report that our members were all successful. Our battalion chiefs have been a great help by presenting safe driving pins to our members. I believe it means a lot to the individual when it's given by a chief officer.

The Department and its members benefit in many ways from being recognized. Building moral, reinforcing the Department's core values, and building teamwork are just some examples. I encourage all supervisors and members to nominate individuals when appropriate and forward them to the committee for review. Every year we have members, on or off duty, who perform life saving acts in an emergency and are nominated for an award. I am sure we are missing many deserving members because the committee is not aware of the good deed.

I would like to also recognize two people who work very hard supporting the Awards Committee throughout the year. Cathy Jo Smith and Jackie Lewis of the Public Information and Life Safety Education Section, in addition to their normal duties, they provide administrative support for the committee and have done an outstanding job for the Department. Between them they process all the award letters, certificates, gift certificates, and assist with many of the awards ceremonies.

If I can be of any assistance please free to contact me at Fire and Rescue Station 10, B-Shift, or via outlook. Please send all nominations to me at Fire and Rescue Station 10, B-Shift. ❖

Awards & Presentations

Unit Citation

2241 Farrington Avenue

Engine 411

Lieutenant Reginald T. Johnson
Technician James M Hayes
Technician Dovel C. Gilmore
Firefighter Ronnie O. Carter

Medic 411

Lieutenant George M. Brooks
Technician Mark D. Ebersole

Team Performance

3458 Audubon Avenue

Medic 409

Lieutenant Danny J. Daniels
Technician Christopher H. Kempton

Ambulance 409

Firefighter Brian K. Morton
Firefighter Andrew E. Dinkle

7980 Audubon Avenue

Tower 424

Lieutenant Christopher Thompson
Master Technician Dale W. Dommel
Firefighter Cliff E. Sweeney

6500 Springfield Mall

Engine 422

Lieutenant Thomas R. Mayhew
Firefighter Donald O. Holland
Firefighter Joel Kobersteen
Firefighter Jennifer L. Svites

Truck 422

Captain I Steven D. Clark
Lieutenant Frank W. Geiger
Technician Jeffrey S. Seabright
Firefighter Christopher H. Williams

Engine 405

Technician Michael D. Macario
Captain I Dallas D. Phillips
Lieutenant Marcus D. Williams
Firefighter Scott Dixon

Engine 426

Technician Anthony L. Cabrera
Captain I Larry E. Jenkins
Technician Terry J. Snyder
Firefighter Glenn W. Dressler

Engine 437

Captain I Lee Warner
Technician Dean A. Scott
Firefighter Michael D. Allen
Firefighter Jerome J. Bethea

Tower 405

Master Technician Kevin R. Coen
Firefighter James W. Sindlinger
Firefighter James J. Galvin

Rescue 426

Lieutenant Christopher M. Brown
Technician Eric D. Moore
Technician Thomas Furgison

Medic 422

Lieutenant John M Chesek
Firefighter Nicole Y. Ciarrocca

EMS 5

Captain II Glen A. Bydume

EMS 6

Captain Brian C. Brendell

BC05

Battalion Chief Mark T. Kane

BC06

Battalion Chief John A. Burke

5104 S. 7th Road

Truck 410

Lieutenant Earl J. Burroughs
Master Technician Timothy A. Sparrow
Firefighter Scott E. Herbert
Firefighter Richard D. Riley

Career Achievement Award

Technician David M. Lauler
Technician Delbert L. Feaster
Technician Andrew Makuch
Master Technician Mark S. Pullman

Meritorious Service Award

Firefighter Jason M. Roberts
Master Technician Evan J. Lewis

Safe Driving Awards

3 Years

Technician Edward J. Klima
Technician Thomas A. Zirkle

6 Years

Master Technician John R. Brinkerhoff
Master Technician Jeffrey F. Klopp
Technician John G. Adams
Technician Adam C. Brock
Technician Glenn B. Mooneyham

15 Years Distinguished Driving

Technician David M. Lauler
Michael W. Clark
Technician John C. Guy
Master Technician Robert L. Burlingame

Citizen Valor Awards

Joel Kurz
Lauren Kurz
Kristen Beutel
Kyle Rodgers
Adam Maines



Behavioral Health Coordinator

*By Chip Theodore
Occupational Health and Safety*

On January 27, 2003, I assumed the position of Behavioral Health Coordinator of the Fire and Rescue Department which reports to the Director, Occupational Health and Safety. The contract between Fairfax County and Inova Employee Assistance was amended to create this position. It is now a half-time position. My office is located on the 6th floor in the Occupational Health and Safety area.

My responsibilities include: management and administrative oversight of the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) program, the Fire and Rescue Support Team (FiRST), the drug and alcohol peer support program, and the Chaplain Program. I also serve as advisor to the Fire Chief on matters pertaining to a members' fitness for duty and disciplinary diversion.

My first priority is to evaluate existing behavioral health programs and to suggest

changes or additions to the senior staff. Several adjustments have been implemented to allow for better management and coordination of assets in the delivery of services.

The Chaplain's Program has recently added four chaplains. Chaplain Grant McIntosh has been designated the Senior Chaplain and is responsible for the training and scheduling of all chaplains. An SOP describing this program will be distributed shortly.

The CISM and FiRST teams now have both a management and an operational component. This adjustment has allowed for better utilization of resources for service delivery.

If you have any suggestions pertaining to behavioral health issues within the Fire and Rescue Department, please feel free to contact me at 703-246-3970. ❖

Community Spirit on The Highway



Personnel from Fire and Rescue Station's 24 and 9, B-Shift, on the Route 1 corridor, continue to make a difference in the community. On April 17, 2003, Master Technician Willie Bailey, Progressive Firefighters of Fairfax County, Inc., along with the support of Safeway, Ingleside Shopping Center, and the Sacramento Neighborhood Center young adults, present Easter baskets and stuffed animals to the residents of the Gables Retirement Home. Lieutenant Guy P. Davis (right), Fire and Rescue Station 24, B-Shift, assists young adults distributing Easter baskets to residents of the Gables Retirement Home. Photo by Mike Young, Northern Virginia Journal.

Love Thy Neighbor

*By Deputy Chief Dereck A. Baker
Operations, B-Shift*

When you get off duty and go home to relax or do whatever it is you may do, that can involve your neighbors. Of course your neighborhood should be a close-knit one where everyone looks out for each other and their property. During the last year, the different fire departments in our region have learned a new incident command system or an enhanced way to put the system in place. After learning this new way of operating on incidents, it is now time to review what has been learned with this year's quarterly training sessions and senior operations symposiums.

As part of our continuing evolution toward operating procedures, the fire departments that are signatories to the Northern Virginia Emergency Services Response Agreement have now put into place the shared use of command officers. This means there will be battalion chiefs responding to incidents into neighboring jurisdictions and commanding those incidents. There has to be a comfort level among the jurisdictions on how smoothly these incidents will run. I believe that all battalion chief's should call their neighboring counterparts and make initial contact to say "hello" and to get to know each other before the "big one." This will ease any tensions that may arise when incidents do occur in adjoining jurisdictions among battalion chief's or incident commanders. Getting to know each other on a first-name basis will make life better for everyone when trying to manage an incident.

Each of the B-Shift battalion chief's have been directed to "make the call" to their neighbor. This should be done across the board as only positive relationships can come from this type of contact. Right when we actually switched over to this agreement, there were incidents that had command officers at the back of the buggy who were complete strangers. As I arrived on the

scene of some of these incidents and reported to the command post, I would ask at a reasonable time if things went smoothly and how the two chiefs interacted. I could see it went well. There haven't been any problems as of yet and it is not anticipated any will surface. Battalion chief's should be comfortable when responding into another jurisdiction and should not have to worry about who is working or how this person will interact with them. Egos should be thrown out of the window regardless where the incident is, that battalion chief is ultimately responsible for operations within that area.

There should also be interjurisdictional MUD drills scheduled as well. By training together, there shouldn't be any surprises when incidents occur. The jurisdictions may have somewhat different ways of performing tasks but fundamentally we all do the same thing when it comes to saving lives and fighting fires. The city of Alexandria added a battalion chief back in August of 2002 for a west and east end. We have already seen battalion chiefs' from Fort Belvoir run incidents on the highway. Arlington County as well as Loudoun County have been spotted on incidents here in Fairfax County. There will be an increase in the dispatch of surrounding battalion chief's into Fairfax County depending on where they are located. Drilling and critiquing these incidents will only make for a better tomorrow. So when you're out and about and see your fellow battalion chief, take a time out and say "Hi neighbor." ♦

Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 11/01/02 Box: 3111 Address: 2205 South Gate Square Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$107,420 Loss: \$107,420 Status: Closed
Date: 11/02/02 Box: 0142 Address: 6110 Franklin Park Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Spontaneous Value: \$2,500,000 Loss: \$2,500,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/04/02 Box: 0594 Address: 4413 Roundhill Road Type: House Cause: Undetermined Value: \$425,000 Loss: \$425,000 Status: Inactive
Date: 11/27/02 Box: 2200 Address: 7316 Beverly Park Drive Type: House Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$201,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/27/02 Box: 2400 Address: 8561 Richmond Highway Type: Apartment Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$2,550,000 Loss: \$150,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/30/02 Box: 2219 Address: 7602 Fullerton Road Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$228,800 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 12/07/02 Box: 2809 Address: 6129 Leesburg Pike Type: Apartment Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$11,650,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 12/22/02 Box: 2208 Address: 6701 Franconia Road Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$423,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 12/31/02 Box: 1092 Address: 3811 S. George Mason Drive Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$150,000 Loss: \$101,000 Status: Closed
Date: 1/05/03 Box: 2809 Address: 3245 Rio Drive Type: High Rise Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$2,500,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed
Date: 1/08/03 Box: 3216 Address: 11501 Popes Head Road Type: Commercial Cause: Undetermined Value: \$199,500 Loss: \$105,000 Status: Inactive
Date: 1/24/03 Box: 0939 Address: 1604 River Farm Drive Type: House Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$1,000,000 Loss: \$1,000,000 Status: Closed
Date: 1/28/03 Box: 1813 Address: 2921 Summerfield Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$246,270 Loss: \$246,270 Status: Closed
Date: 2/16/03 Box: 3110 Address: 2201 Colquina Drive Type: House Cause: Accidental-Fireplace Value: \$165,000 Loss: \$135,000 Status: Closed
Date: 2/17/03 Box: 0411 Address: 12602 Old Dorm Place Type: House Cause: Accidental-Fireplace Value: \$240,000 Loss: \$175,000 Status: Closed
Date: 2/22/03 Box: 0594 Address: 6404 Mary View Street Type: House Cause: Accidental-Combustibles Value: \$225,000 Loss: \$150,000 Status: Closed
Date: 3/14/03 Box: 2122 Address: 4222 Alex Court Type: Structure Cause: Under Investigation Value: \$400,000 Loss: \$400,000 Status: Open
Date: 3/24/03 Box: 0595 Address: 6661 Scottwood Street Type: House Cause: Accidental-Vehicle Value: \$1,382,057 Loss: \$270,925 Status: Closed
Date: 3/30/03 Box: 1504 Address: 12915 Wheatland Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Vehicle Value: \$700,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed

Community Outreach Highlights



Excellence In Service



The Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge presented EMS and Firefighter awards, respectively, to Captain I Bob Konczal (Academy) and Master Technician Michael J. Stone, Fire and Rescue Station 18, C-Shift. Captain Konczal was recognized for his achievements with the Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) program while Master Technician Stone was honored for, among other things, his work with the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program. Pictured left are Captain II Richard J. Yuras, Academy, Captain I Robert A. Konczal, Academy, and Tom Thiebaut, Elks Lodge. Pictured right are Captain I Gary B. Bunch, Master Technician Michael J. Stone, Fire and Rescue Station 18, C-Shift, and Tom Thiebaut, Elks Lodge.

Top 10 Activity Report

February/March 2003

Ambulance		Engine Company		Rescue Company	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
A 413	414	E 408	494	R 421	281
A 408	362	E 410	458	R 426	258
A 434	336	E 409	449	R 418	239
A 430	331	E 401	446	R 401	217
A 409	330	E 421	432	R 411	179
A 411	317	E 411	421	R 439	156
A 436	308	E 422	418	R 419	140
A 410	305	E 413	413	R 414	135
A 428	292	E 404	408		
A 414	278	E 429	407		
Medic		Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains		Ladder Company	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
M 418	535	EMS3	270	T 410	259
M 408	443	EMS5	259	T 408	229
M 426	430	EMS2	246	T 429	226
M 421	409	EMS4	226	T 425	206
M 425	406	EMS6	206	T 436	180
M 429	394	EMS1	171	T 430	176
M 404	390	BC04	135	T 422	169
M 417	384	BC03	117	T 405	150
M 422	381	BC02	103	T 401	134
M 410	379	BC06	102	T 411	133



Captain II Paul T. Williams, McLean Fire and Rescue Station 1, C-Shift, was recently selected as the Firefighter of the Year by the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce.

Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call or added on to be counted. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.



"Taking Up"



Deputy Chief
Jeffrey L. Donaldson

Entry Date: June 21, 1976

Retirement Date: May 2, 2003

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Stations 13, 25, 10, 18, 11, 34, 19, Operations, BC02, BC06, and Deputy Chief Operations C-Shift.

Likes about the Fire

Department: The camaraderie of working with competent, motivated people. The challenges of not knowing what may happen on any given day. Providing help to people when they need it the most.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: The great team work and dedication of department members and regularly seeing my best friends.
Plans for the future: Consulting on fire/rescue/emergency management issues.

Words of wisdom: Always strive to continue to learn. Do the best you can everyday. Treat people the way you would like to be treated.

What got you interested in the fire service? Not sure. All I ever wanted to do is be a firefighter.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Jim Anderson, Gary Mesaris, Ed Stinnette, Tom Wealand, Steve Hartman, Dave Carpenter, Carl Maurice, Mark Wheatley, Mark Rohr, Dave Rohr, Jack Brown, Glenn Gaines, Mike Wood, and Ricky Riley.



Firefighter
Joseph V. Kovalsky

Entry Date: November 13, 1995

Retirement Date: March 21, 2003

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Stations 24 and 29

Likes about the Fire

Department: Brotherhood, meals, and the job.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: The crew at Fire and Rescue Station 29, B-Shift.
Plans for the future: Work for the city of Danbury, Connecticut.

Words of wisdom: Treat everyday like the first day on the job and be safe.

What got you interested in the fire service? Emergency

Who or what made an influence in your career? Larry Nyers, Mike Allen, Fred Ferraro, Tom Papoutsis, Chris Schaff, John Gleske, Brad Cochran Jr., and the crew at Fire and Rescue Station 29, B-Shift.



Firefighter
Steven W. Spriggs

Entry Date: October 15, 1974

Retirement Date: April 4, 2003

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Station 8, 15, 36, 17, and 28.

Likes about the Fire

Department: Working together

as a shift and the camaraderie that goes along with it.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: The fire department family and all the friendships I have made through the years.

Plans for the future: Spend more time with my family and starting another career.

Words of wisdom: Stay safe and remember you are responsible for your own safety. God speed.

What got you interested in the fire service? My father was a volunteer firefighter.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Junior Gaines, Wil Snyder, Chris Raabe, and Ken Winklevoss.



Firefighter
Cecil C. Starkey

Entry Date: April 2, 1973

Retirement Date: April 18, 2003

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Stations 10, 28, 8, 24, 23, 30, and 32

Likes about the Fire

Department: The feeling of family among your coworkers. Being able to help the public.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: The people in the fire service, especially those at Fire and Rescue Station 32, B-Shift. Will also miss the spontaneity of never knowing what the next call will be.

Plans for the future: To work in Life Safety Education Section to educate the public about fire safety and ways to keep themselves and their children safe.

Words of wisdom: Don't forget who pays your salary. The public is your bank account. They are the people we are here for.

What got you interested in the fire service? I lived next to a fire station as a child and later served as a firefighter in the Air Force.

Who or what made an influence in your career? The late Chief Richard Burbank had the greatest impact on my career. He was the most caring person I have ever worked for. Others who made a difference are Battalion Chief Leonard Murry, Captain Jake Simpson, retired Battalion Chief Bob Lanning, retired Battalion Chief Mike Tamillow, retired Sergeant Vince Guidi, and the late Junior Gaines to name a few. There were many more people that I considered as influences and friends and I hope that they would know who they are. Last but not least, Christopher Galanis. A young firefighter who made me want to strive to make myself better. I know he's out there fighting fire and helping people somewhere.

The 2003 Calendar and FY2002 Annual Report and Line Copy have both received the meritorious award for excellence from the National Association of County Information Officers. The 2003 Calendar and FY2002 Annual was judged Best of Class in the A3-Other Format category, and Line Copy was evaluated in the C2-Magazine Format category. There were over 500 entries submitted in several categories of publications.

Anniversaries

5 Years

Kurt E. Bollard, Instructor III
Karl F. Fippinger, Instructor III
Christopher J. Larson,
Instructor III
Susan A. Orsini
Life Safety Education Specialist
and Instructor III

10 Years

Lieutenant E. Martin Ranck

15 Years

Master Technician
Karrie L. Boswell
Master Technician
Robert L. Burlingame
Master Technician
Eric D. Forbach
Technician Kat Gaines
Firefighter Charles A. Harman
Technician John D. Leary
Master Technician
Michael C. Lewis
Master Technician
Allen O. Comer
Technician Brian L. Remines
Lieutenant Anne L. Spieker
Maria J. Teel, BAI
Laurie E. Varnau
Management Analyst I
Technician Kristin A. Wallace
Lieutenant Wayne P. Wentzel

20 Years

Technician Michael W. Conover
Technician
Troy D. Weatherholtz

30 Years

Master Technician
David W. Ashley
Lieutenant Forrest E. Verhine

Retirements

Deputy Chief

Jeffrey L. Donaldson
June 21, 1976 - May 2, 2003

Firefighter Cecil C. Starkey
April 2, 1973 - April 18, 2003

Firefighter Steven W. Spriggs
October 15, 1974 - April 4, 2003

New Hires

Antione R. Allen
Norman E. Catterton
Brian M. Chinn
Linda M. Coan
Christopher A. Costanzo
Dustin J. Cramer
Carol J. Fancher
Edwin E. Flores
Paul P. Fraraccio
Brian A. Gallamore
Lindsay A. Giattino
Brian P. Gillingham
Rudy Iturrino
Justin B. Jenkins
Jason P. Kelly
Mark C. Killion
John L. Langley
Patrick W. MacKay
Aaron B. Martin
Lawrence G. Mullin
Laurie E. Peverill
Dustin Q. Reynolds
Kenneth W. Sanders
Jason D. Schmidt
Kimberly A. Scott
Ronald W. Sheffield
Tina N. Sprague
Jon S. Stern
Kris W. Tollok
Kate Weatherby
John J. Wehr



Station Profile

Merrifield Fire and Rescue Station #30

Captain II Alfred E. Mullins
Station Commander

Station constructed: Station completed January 27, 1980.

Station specialty: Platform on Demand (POD), Command POD, POD Support Unit, Deputy Fire Chief, OPS6, and Tower 30.

Square miles in first due area: 5.2

Specific hazardous/target areas: Significant amount of commercial structures, Merrifield Post Office, Circle Towers, and I-66.

Total calls in 2002: 5,490

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, truck, ambulance, pod, communications pod (2), and BC07.

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** Captain I Robert J. Zoldos, Lieutenant Michael B. Davis, Master Technician Thomas C. Williams, Technician Michael C. Nelson, Technician Michael L. Sease, Acting Technician Erich H. Williams, Firefighter Eric S. Craven, Firefighter Michael E. Duffy, Firefighter Mark A. Fernandez, Firefighter Robert G. Ritchie, and Firefighter David P. Saunders. **B-Shift:** Captain I Wilfrid L. Seng, Lieutenant Gregg M. Hayre, Master Technician Richard M. Lancing, Technician Charles J. Epps, Technician Edmund R. Neach, Acting Technician Bill C. Betz, Firefighter Lawrence L. Ellison, Firefighter Sean M. Fensterwald, Firefighter William J. Lamont, Firefighter Richard G. Peterson, and Firefighter Brian L. Saunders. **C-Shift:** Captain II Alfred E. Mullins, Lieutenant Michael G. McCullen, Master Technician John C. Berner, Technician Gregory W. Hunter, Technician Mark C. Johnson, Technician David H. Stroup, Firefighter Matthew J. Brecht, Firefighter Keith E. Curriden, Firefighter Brian P. Moore, and Firefighter Colleen M. Wuckovich.

Headquarters, Operations Shift Deputies and OPS6.

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